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SUSPENSION CALENDAR


1) ***Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005*** (H.R. 1812). 
This bill authorizes, subject to appropriations, \$2 million in 2006 and \$25 million over 2006-10, for grants for programs that provide "patient navigator" services. Patient navigators assist patients in overcoming obstacles to the prompt diagnosis and treatment of health problems, in part by identifying sources of care and insurance, coordinating referrals, and facilitating enrollment in clinical trials. The bill does not affect direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.

2) ***A Bill to Amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to Reauthorize State Mediation Programs*** (S. 643). 
This bill extends through fiscal year 2010 authorizations for the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, subject to appropriations. The current authorization is scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal year 2005. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

3) ***Commending the Establishment in College Point, New York, of the First Kindergarten in the United States*** (H.Con.Res. 47). 
This resolution has no budget implications.

4) ***Honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the Occasion of Its 150th Anniversary*** (H.Con.Res. 163). 
This resolution has no budget implications.

5) ***Floyd Lupton Post Office Designation Act*** (H.R. 2326). 
This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.



6) ***Net Worth Amendment For Credit Unions Act*** (H.R. 1042). 
This bill clarifies the definition of "net worth" under certain circumstances for corrective action authority of the National Credit Union Administration Board. Under the bill, "net worth" means the retained earnings balance of a credit union (determined by generally accepted accounting principles, as under current law), together with any amounts that previously were retained earnings through combination with another other credit union. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

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LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

- Bill:** *The Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006* (H.R. 2862). 
- Committee:** Appropriations
- Summary:** This appropriations measure includes, in part, funding for programs in the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, assistance to State and local law enforcement, the United States Marshals Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program.
- It also provides funding for the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies, including the Patent and Trademark Office, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Manufacturing Extension Partnerships program, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service.
- In addition, it provides funding for certain science agencies such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation. It also provides funding for the State Department, including appropriations for worldwide security improvements and replacement of vulnerable embassies, the Diplomatic and Consular Programs, and funding for International Broadcasting.
- Other programs funded in this measure are the Federal Communications Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Legal Services Corporation, and the Small Business Administration.
- Cost:** It is expected this measure will provide a total of \$57.45 billion for fiscal year 2006. This is \$3.05 billion less than the President's request of \$60.5 billion, though that figure assumed a transfer of a number of economic development programs, such as the Community Development Block Grant program from other Departments to the Commerce Department, which this bill does not do. The bill reflects an increase of \$1.21 billion over the fiscal year 2005 level of \$56.24 billion.
- Budget Act:** This measure does not violate the provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. (Please see the Budget Committee's forthcoming *Appropriations Update* on this measure.)
- Bill:** *The Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006* (H.R. 2863). 
- Committee:** Appropriations
- Summary:** The major programs funded by this measure are Military Personnel, Operations and Maintenance, Procurement, and Research and Development. It provides a 3.1-percent military pay raise, and funding for Impact Aid and the replacement of equipment losses – such as Humvees, trucks, radios, electronic jammers, Tomahawk cruise missiles, and ammunition. It also funds equipment such as body armor.
- The bill funds Insurance and Death Gratuities, the Army's Future Combat System research and development program, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon program, and the Stryker vehicle program. It also funds several other major weapons programs, ships, and aircraft, and provides funding for ballistic missile defense.

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Cost: The bill is expected to provide a total of \$409 billion, \$56.6 billion more than the fiscal year 2005 level of \$352.4 billion, and \$42.3 billion more than the President's request of \$366.7 billion.

Budget Act: The bill does not violate the provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. It does, though, designate a total of \$45.3 billion for "contingency operations related to the global war on terrorism pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006." This was specifically provided for by the budget resolution and exempts spending for a variety of purposes, including additional funding for personnel, research and development, operations and maintenance, and procurement.

(Please see the Budget Committee's forthcoming *Appropriations Update* on this measure.)

Bill: ***Henry J. Hyde United Nations Reform Act of 2005*** (H.R. 2745). 

Committee: International Relations

Summary: This bill requires the Secretary of State to press for a variety of changes at the United Nations. It also requires the Secretary to withhold 50 percent of the U.S. assessed contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations, starting in 2007, if the Secretary is unable to certify that certain conditions have been met.

Cost: The bill does not authorize appropriations for assessed contributions to the United Nations' budget. The Congressional Budget Office has no basis for predicting whether or when all the necessary certifications would be made. If the Secretary is able to make all certifications in a timely manner, implementation of the bill would have no impact on spending subject to appropriation. Alternatively, if certifications cannot be made, such discretionary spending would be about \$187 million lower in 2007 and about \$769 million lower over 2007-2010. The bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

Budget Act: This bill does not violate any provisions of the Congressional Budget Act.

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